San Diego County Black Chamber of Commerce

20th Century Excellence Awards

Saturday, March 4, 1995 Mission Valley Marriott San Diego, California

Thomas Clark Chairman Of The Board



On behalf of the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Black Chamber of Commerce I would like to extend a warm welcome to you. I would also like to say Thank You for supporting our First Annual Excellence Awards. You are a part of a very special occasion.

Your support in honoring tonight's special honorees will go a long way in helping our community and our chamber to continue efforts to be a positive stronghold in the African American community. It is your support that will enable us to continue serving you and our community.

We at the Black Chamber of Commerce hope you will continue to support our chamber and its activities throughout the coming year as we plan to continue offering the technical assistance needed to effectively plan, develop, implement and evaluate successful activities that meet your needs and the needs of the community.

Sincerely,

Thomas Clark

Thomas & Clark

Gerri Warren President/CEO



On behalf of the staff of the San Diego County Black Chamber of Commerce I welcome you to the First Annual Twentieth Century Excellence Awards. We at the Black Chamber hope this event will be the kick off to a great year for the Chamber and the African American community.

We all have a vital role to play in developing the Black Chamber of Commerce in the African American community. By providing the very best of products and services all races ultimately benefit. We as Black consumers must give our own Black business the support they need to thrive, through our patronage. You will be pleasantly surprised at the results as the quality of all our lives is improved by the retention of revenues and employment within our community.

I would like to give a special round of thanks to all our corporate sponsors for their support throughout the year to the Chamber and African American businesses. We look forward to building a stronger partnership with you in the coming year.

At this our First Annual Excellence Awards we the Black Chamber hope to convey our continued efforts to be a positive, useful tool that facilitates the development of our African American community.

Sincerely,

Gerri Warren
President/CEO

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Special Care Nursery (Intensive Care Unit for Newborns)

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Hartwell Ragsdale Entrepenuer Award



Hartwell Ragsdale

Hartwell W. Ragsdale is owner of Anderson-Ragsdale Mortuary. He was born in Okmulgee, Oklahoma and was married to the late Hazel W. Ragsdale.

Mr. Ragsdale attended Langston University in Langston, Oklahoma and San Francisco College of Mortuary Science in San Francisco, CA

Some of the organizations he is affiliated with include Sigma Pi Phi Boule Fraternity, Sigma Phi Sigma Professional Funeral Service Fraternity, Clementine McDuff Elks Lodge No. 598, National Black Funeral Directors Association, California Morticians Association, the Urban League and the Black Chamber of Commerce, just to name a few.

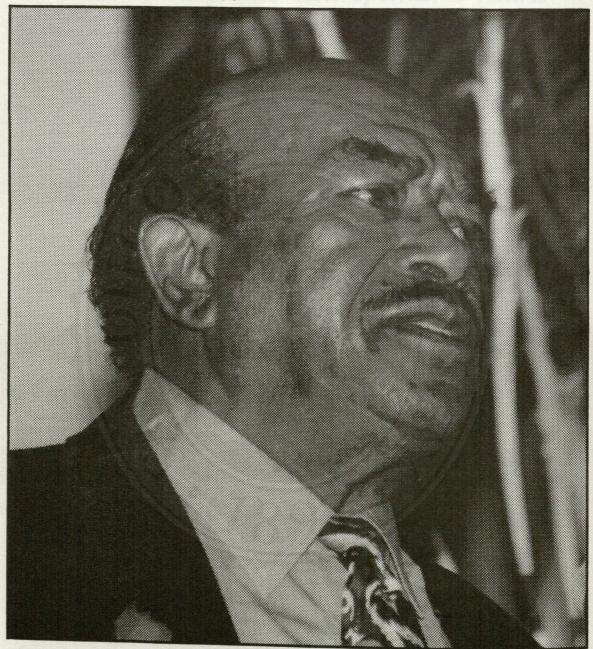
He is a member of Bethel Baptist Church where is on the Trustee Board. He is treasurer of the Catfish Club and is a member of the San Diego Crime Commission. He is a past president of the NAACP and the Mayor's Black Advisory Board.

Although Hartwell Ragsdale is known for years of service to this community through the Anderson-Ragsdale Mortuary, he has been a trail blazer and supporter of African Americans pioneering in business. He was one of the charter members of the Pacific Coast Bank, which did serve San Diego's Black community for a while before it's closure. That same spirit of entrepreneur continues today to describe Hartwell Ragsdale.

The Hartwell Ragsdale Entrepreneur Award is presented this evening for the first time to the man after whom it is named. Each year hereafter it will be presented to a local entrepreneur who has given tirelessly of themself in support of others and the community. These are the traits that have made Hartwell Ragsdale a tireless giant and successful business person that we all know and admire.

We look forward to having Hartwell Ragsdale present this award next year to another worthy recipient.

Brooks Huffman Business Award



Brooks Huffman

He usually wears a wide-brim hat and a broad smile. From his restaurant on Churchward Street in Southeast San Diego, he cooks some of the best barbecue this side of Mississippi.

But with vision as big as his smile, Huffman looked beyond the cotton fields and antebellum mansions of his native state, and sought opportunity for a better life and business.

His quest landed him in San Diego in 1967 where he opened his restaurant with his wife and one employee. In the 23 years since opening his doors Huffman's has become synonymous with good old southern-style, finger licking good Barbecue.

While his customers rave about his barbecue, Huffman keeps his mind on two things: Good quality food and customer satisfaction. Believing that his customers are his best advertisement, Brooks works as hard as ever to "keep them satisfied."

The Brooks Huffman Business Award is presented this evening for the first time to the man after whom it is named. Each year hereafter it will be presented to a local business person who has given tirelessly of themselves in support of others and the community. These are the traits that have made Brooks Huffman the tireless giant and successful business person that we all know and admire.

We look forward to having Brooks Huffman present this award next year to another worthy recipient.

NOMINEES

BANKING/FINANCE

- a) Michael McCraw, California Southern Small Business Development Corp
- b) Pierre Frazier, Solomon Financial Services
- c) Frederick E. Sanford, Jr. First Interstate Bank

BUSINESS ADVOCATE

- a) John Warren, Voice & Viewpoint Newspaper
- b) George L. Stevens, City Council Member
- c) Carolyn Smith, Southeastern Economic Development Corp.

MEDICINE

- a) James L. Kyle, II, MD, Sharp-Gateway Medical Center
- b) Rosalyn Baxter-Jones, MD Women's Pavilion
- c) Dr. Charlie R. Johnson, MD

FRANCHISIEE(S)

- a) Rev. Roy Dixon, Taco Bell
- b) Harold & Tina Lewis, McDonalds
- c) James Hamilton, Subway

WOMAN IN BUSINESS

- a) Rosalyn Baxter-Jones, MD
- b) Marion Y. Gary, Overflow
- c) Sandra Robinson, Robinson Const.

LAW

- a) Judge Napoleon A. Jones, Jr.
- b) Regina Petty, Esq., San Diego County Bar Association
- c) Oden & Greene, Attorney's at Law

THE YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR AWARD

- a) Michael L. Hodges, Lovely Lands
- b) Aushyla Chambers, Kids Copy
- c) Ray Smith, Triple Crown Youth Coalition

REAL ESTATE

- a) T. A. Logan, Logan Realty
- b) Mildred Hawkins, Hawkins Real Estate
- c) Dave Thomas, Dave Thomas Realtors

CONSTRUCTION

- a) Sandra & Floyd Robinson, Robinson Constuction
- b) Abdur-Rahim Hameed, Black Contractor's Assoc.
- c) Charles Black, C A B Construction

BENJAMIN BANNEKER ARCHITECTURE & ENGINEERING AWARD

- a) Albert A. Kercheval, Kercheval Engineers
- b) Frisco White, AIA

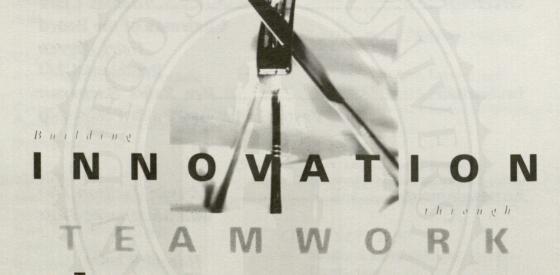
20th Century Excellence Awards Programme

Mistress & Master of Ceremonies

Debbie Deanne & Ryan Baker

Greetings	Chairman of the Board Gerri Warren
Invocation	President/CEO Rev. Ralph Buchanan Pastor Inner City Faith Fellowship
	Dinner
Entertainment	
	Harold Whaley
	Bonnie Dance
Awards Ceremony	
	Will Bell Vice President
Closing Remarks Entertainment	Gerri Warren Tonex'

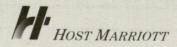
Music for the reception was performed by Stella Eldridge



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About The Chamber ...

In June 1992 the San Diego Referrals County Black Chamber of Commerce was established to meet that need.

Now two years old the SDCBCC has already established a place for itself in the business community. The organization now has over 250 paid individual, business and corporate members including Bank of America, Union Bank and First Interstate Bank.

It is one of the few small chambers in the state with a fully staffed office open for business five days a week. The San Diego County Black Chamber is considered a model for developing chambers.

The Black Chamber offers a full range of services to its members. The most important is Member Referrals. Staff members field calls daily from all over the country requesting lists of service providers.

Our membership represents a broad cross-section of San Diego's business community. Not just Black business owners but small and large corporations who do business in the Black community and recognize the need to reinvest their resources.

San Diego Consortium & Private Industry Council

Salutes

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Owner

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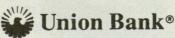
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